

PIANOFORTE ADJUDICATOR 2023

Bobby Chen ARAM, RAMHKAA

Described by International Piano Magazine as: "...an armour-clad player of complete technique, a thinking musician, a natural Romantic.", Bobby Chen studied with Ruth Nye and Hamish Milne at the Yehudi Menuhin School and the Royal Academy of Music, and burst on the scene in a British tour with Lord Yehudi Menuhin and the Warsaw Sinfonia, and a recital at the Royal Festival Hall as part of the South Bank Prokofiev Festival.

He was soloist under conductors Mathias Bamert, Maximiano Valdés, Michał Nesterowicz, Sir Neville Marriner, Pierre-André Valade, Lan Shui, Jonathan Bloxham and Giancarlo Guerrero, made his Italian solo recital debut at the Fazioli Concert Hall, given four solo recitals at the Wigmore Hall, selected as one of the pianists for the South-East Asian début of the Complete Beethoven Sonatas Cycle in Singapore, broadcast for Classic Fm, Raidió Teilifís Éireann, Radio Television Hong Kong and Pianoforte Chicago, and founded the biennial Overseas Masters Winter Piano Academy (OMWPA) on the premises of the Yehudi Menuhin School.

Elected an Associate of London's Royal Academy of Music (ARAM), he has performed a special solo recital for the British Jesuit Alumni/ae Charitable Trust at Ognisko Polskie in support of The Langlands School and College in Pakistan, a solo recital in support of Rainforest Concern at the Travellers Club, a short solo recital of women composers for The Federations of International Women's Association in London at Ironmongers' Hall, as well as a solo recital in May 2022 at Farm Street Church in Mayfair which had raised more than two thousand eight hundred pounds for Caritas Ukraine.